It was also resolved that since a large number of thermal stations within the State sector are running at a PLF below 40% immediate Renovation and Modernisation (R&M) including Life Extension (LE) would need to be undertaken. Similarly R&M / LE would required to be undertaken for old hydel power plants on priority.

Development of Electronic Warfare System

†*736. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Defence scientists are making efforts to develop a comprehensive Electronic Warfare system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the said system is likely to be developed; and

(d) the total estimated amount to be spent towards the development of the system?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), in partnership with the users, is developing Electronic Warfare (EW) systems Samyukta for the Army and Sangraha for the Navy. These systems are in advanced stages of development. DRDO has already developed and operationalised EW system Tempest for the Air Force.

(c) Development of Samyukta and Sangraha is planned to be completed by 2002.

(d) The total estimated amount to be spent towards the development and induction of Samyukta and Sangraha systems is Rs. 955 crore.

Solar Energy in Bellary District

*737. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Bellary District in Karnataka is an ideal place to take up pilot project to tap solar energy as the temperature is always high;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.